

Docket No. ECV-5413CIP2CON1

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Carpentier, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3774
Application No.: 10/729,035) Examiner: Walker, Amanda H.
Filing Date: December 5, 2003)
10 For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND) **Customer Number: 30452**
ASSOCIATED CONNECTING BAND) Confirmation No.: 2075

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15 Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 14, 2008, please see the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.

Petition for Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants petition for an extension of time for One (1) Month to respond to the above-referenced Office Action on or before June 14, 2008. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee of \$120 to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (Docket No. ECV-5413CIP2CON1).